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must make the Basis of their Charge, would have made Use of an Epithet better adapted to that Spirit of Undutifulness and Disloyalty, which their Honours have so freely imputed to the Lower House, had there been, in his Opinion, the least Foundation for it. As I think I have, to the Conviction of every unprejudiced Understanding, cleared the Lower House from the Imputation above mentioned, I hope I shall stand acquitted of unjustifiable Acrimony, when I declare that their Honours, or rather the few by whose Opinions they are directed, have, in this Instance, departed from the Character of Gentlemen, by charging the Lower House (without the least Foundation) with a Conduct repugnant to their Duty to His Majesty, and inconsistent with our dependent State on our Mother Country.

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In what entire Security the Upper House wrote their Message, how much they despised their Adversaries, and how little they consulted the good Opinion of the World, the following Passage is an astonishing Proof.—“We claim to be, and are in equal Degree with yourselves, the constitutional Guardians and Protectors of the Peoples Liberties.” Fine Words! I wonder where you stole them.—

Could nothing but your chief Reproach
Serve for a Motto? Swift.

To confute this shameless, this impolitic Allegation, nothing more will be necessary than a short Enquiry into the Nature of this Part of our Constitution, whence I think it must appear, that human Sagacity could not have devised a Branch of Legislature more absolutely dependent upon the Proprietor, and under a stronger Influence, from the very Nature of their Frame, to obey implicitly his Dictates, than the Upper House of Assembly. It will be needless to enter into any nice Disquisitions on this Subject, since a bare mention of some Facts will prove, beyond all Contradiction, the absolute Falsity of this new Claim, and how little these Gentlemen were under the Controul of that Spirit of Decency and Truth, which they so warmly recommend to others, when they could vent an Assertion so affrontive to the common Sense of Mankind.—The Facts I mean are then,

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First, That they owe their Existence entirely to the Proprietor, since he has the sole Right of appointing Counsellors, who, in Consequence of that Appointment, become Members of the Upper House.

Secondly, That as the Proprietor has a Right to create, so he claims, and has exercised, a Right to discharge, at his Will and Pleasure, the Members of the Upper House.

Thirdly, That it has been, is at present, and probable ever will be, the Policy of the Proprietor to dispense his most valuable Favours among those Gentlemen, thereby more effectually to secure them to his Interest, all which Offices they hold during Pleasure, and are of considerable Value.